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TOUGH WEEK FOR SCHOOLBOYS

Commando training in Singapore

COURAGE, physical toughness, and initiative were the qualities required by nearly a hundred boys at the Services school in Singapore at an end-of-term camp.

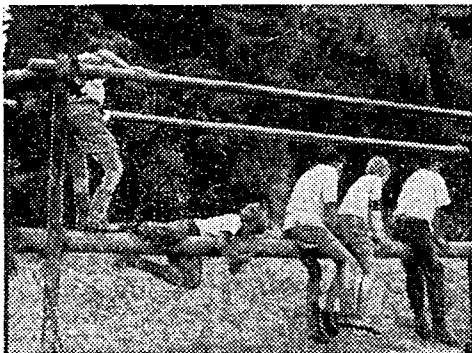
The camp lasted a week and was run on Outward Bound lines for boys between the ages of 12 and 16. At the end of the time, when certificates and prizes were awarded, the tanned faces of the boys were bright with achievement and pride.

The camp site was on a headland with a steep slope leading down to a fringe of sand. The boys had come to do battle with the toughest of obstacles spread over the headland, the cliff-face, and the beach. But the camp was not just a matter of brawn and muscle. The object was to teach the virtues of living in a community, with the emphasis on team-work.

A daily time-table was drawn up to keep the youngsters occupied

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Crossing a pole slippery with mud is no easy job

from the minute they got out of bed until lights out. From the first romp to the sea in the cool of the morning to the last weary wash before bedtime, there was no respite, and the boys loved every minute of it.

Young subalterns were the team leaders and so well did they work that by the end of the week the inter-team rivalry had reached the perfect balance of keen and friendly competition.

The confidence course was the great thing. It consisted of a series of obstacles, each one a little more difficult than the last, and suffi-

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Religious instruction, too, played a big part in the successful welding together of all the varied activities, and the boys certainly learned to carry responsibility, to overcome fear, and, above all, to work as a team.

DIAMONDS FOR THE PRINCESS

When Princess Margaret visits the Williamson Diamond Mine during her tour of Tanganyika, she will be presented with a beautiful brooch containing about 250 diamonds. All the stones came from the mine, but were sent to London to be made up into a flower design selected by the Princess.

It was this same mine which recently reported the finding of a diamond of 240 carats, the largest so far discovered in Tanganyika and one of the largest found for many years.



Almost there!



WEEKEND SPREE FOR BABOONS

Forty baboons recently escaped from the Nairobi National Park in Kenya and spent a whole weekend stealing food from gardens before they were recaptured.

Naturally, the owners of the gardens were angry at the damage, but the Director of the Kenya National Parks says the baboons are not to blame.

The trouble, he says, began when visitors to the park disobeyed a park rule and started feeding the baboons on bananas and carrots.

Now the baboons have acquired such a taste for these delicacies that they disdain their own natural foods.

"If people visiting the National Park behaved as well as the animals," he added, "this monkey business would never have arisen."

Restoring Justice

The gilded figure of Justice with sword and scales over the Old Bailey, prominent on the City of London skyline, needs cleaning every now and then. Here we see workmen removing grime from the statue.

THE SEARCH FOR A BIRD WITH A FALSE BEAK

Six months ago a New York bank discovered a million-dollar note was missing. A search through the vaults and desks has been made, but without success, and now the bank has decided to let the matter drop.

The U.S. Treasury will put things right with the owners, a small bank which had deposited it with the New York bank for safe keeping. And, of course, the note can never be cashed, for anyone presenting it would be immediately liable to suspicion.

A zoo near Miami in the U.S. has stork with a "false beak."

The bird broke off half its lower bill and was unable to eat, so a keeper set to work to make an imitation bill from aluminium.

Fitting it to the patient was a more difficult job, but after an hour's patient work he and his assistants managed to screw it in position without harming the bird.

Within two days the bird was using its false beak, and since then has even learned how to catch fish with it.



Putting his back into it

The badges which have been stitched on the back of Arthur Horsfall's jersey, show that his cycling has taken him all over Britain and the Continent. Arthur lives at Blackpool, and rides over 7500 miles a year.

ANIMAL ORPHANS OF THE WILD

A party of animal orphans will soon be leaving Northern Rhodesia to start a new life in Britain. They are the waifs and strays of the territory's wild life who have been given sanctuary in the home of a game ranger, Mr. Gerry Taylor.

As the animals have never fended for themselves, it would be cruel to turn them loose, so they are being sent to an English zoo—in this case probably at Chester.

One of them is a leopard, Sammy, who was found starving and deserted. Now a bouncing 76 lb. and nearly a year old, he enjoys a daily shower under the garden tap, which he can himself turn on. But Sammy's claws and fangs are now too long for anyone but Mr. Taylor to play with him.

DUIKER IN A PLASTER CAST

Another baby leopard, tenderly disentangled from a cruel jaw trap, is making a good recovery from its injuries. So is a duiker (small kind of antelope), rescued after its haunch had been injured. A plaster cast soon put the little creature on its feet again.

There is also a zebra foal which joined the Taylors when a bush fire cut it off from the herd.

Wilberforce the warthog, incredibly ugly but quite lovable, is now as plump as any little farm pig. He wallows in his food, and hurls every ounce of his three pounds at any target that takes his fancy. It was not so long ago that Wilberforce was picked up wandering alone in the bush on his rickety legs—lost, miserable and sick, and starving.

The feeding and care of these and other animal orphans occupies the entire Taylor family, from two-

year-old Jonathan, upwards. Even visitors are pressed into helping. But the orphans are growing up and a new home must be found for them.

The Taylor children will be losing old friends, yet the parting will surely be softened by the knowledge that their father is bound to find a bushbuck, or guinea-fowl, or even a crocodile, orphaned and too young to look after itself. Thus will the Taylors soon get another private zoo together.

Horse-lover



The Girl Horse Rangers of Shepperton, Middlesex, are known to horse lovers all over the country. Now one of their leading members, Daphne Ealson, has gone to the U.S. to join her husband and hopes to start a similar organisation out there. Here she is seen with one of the Rangers' horses, Grey Lady.

New African State

Where is Ghana? The answer is that it is a country extending over 91,843 square miles and with a population of more than 4,100,000. But you will not find it on the map—yet. It is the West African land we have known as the Gold Coast, and which is to become an independent State within the Commonwealth on March 6 next year.

The name Ghana comes from an African empire which is believed to have flourished here in days gone by. The Portuguese, who were among the first sailors to visit this coast in the 14th century, called it Guiné. But that word is thought to have meant a trading town—though it may have been derived from Ghana. From Guiné comes our word guinea, the first guineas being coined from gold brought from this part of West Africa.

Traders of several European nations—Portuguese, English, Dutch, French, Germans, and Swedes—established themselves on this hot damp coast in the 16th and 17th centuries. The English and Dutch quarrelled and this led to the war between England and Holland, ended by the Treaty of Breda in 1667, when the Dutch were confirmed in their possessions. But British influence rose again, and in 1874 the Gold Coast became a Crown Colony. In 1954 a new constitution was granted, and on March 6 next year Ghana will become a sovereign, independent State, with its own flag.

LIGHTS THAT SWITCH THEMSELVES ON

Electronic light-switches have been in use for some time for automatic street lighting, but a new type is on view at the Fuel Efficiency Exhibition at Olympia. Mounted on an outside wall, it automatically switches on the lights inside, as darkness falls, and off when daylight returns.

This can be a great saving in buildings where night work is carried on.

The switches are adjusted to a certain intensity of light so that they keep the electricity burning until the daylight grows bright enough. They are used, for example, in the new B.O.A.C. hangars at London Airport.

YOUNG GARDENERS OF LONDON

London schoolboy gardeners beat the girls this year in one of the competitions organised by the London Flower Lovers' League, of which the Queen Mother is Patron. The boys of Avenue Secondary School at Southwark won the Queen Elizabeth Cup for the best school garden. Second were the girls of Coborn School at Poplar, who were awarded the Worshipful Company of Gardeners' Challenge Cup.

Over 700 schools belong to the League and 150 entered for the Garden and Flower Box competitions, the Flower Box cup being won by Southwold Infants' School at Hackney.

News from Everywhere

CLOCKS BACK

British Summer Time ends on October 7. Remember to put your clocks and watches back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

A bass of 13 lb. 4 ounces has been caught by two anglers at Ventnor, Isle of Wight. They had great difficulty in securing their catch and a local boatman had to row out and tow their craft in.

Statues of three 18th-century engineering pioneers—James Watt, Matthew Boulton, and William Murdock—have been unveiled in Birmingham.

His first "open"



Christopher Edwards, 15, of the Staines Sailing Club, has had many successes in dinghy sailing, and in a recent Club regatta won his first "open" event.

Europe's largest electronic "brain" has recently been completed in the Munich Institute of Technology. It can solve a simple multiplication problem in one 300-millionth part of a second.

A 14-year-old boy, Alan McCartney, was the only competitor to gain full marks in an R.A.F. identification contest at Cosford, Staffordshire.

A SONG IN THEIR HEARTS

A dozen Bristol school friends have formed themselves into the Eastonians Girls' choir to sing specially in hospitals.

The powerful beacon on the Empire State Building in New York is to be turned off until November 1 as so many birds, attracted by the light, are flying into the tower.

80-MILE FENCE

An 80-mile fence is being built in Southern Rhodesia to prevent cattle straying into the tsetse-fly area.

The site of a Roman fort of the first century has been discovered at Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

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Family portraits

All the Airedale family seen here at the Oakleigh Kennels, Binfield, Berkshire, are having their portraits painted. The artist is Inger Davidson, an 18-year-old student of Woking.

BIRTHDAY FOR TOKYO

Tokyo has a birthday this month—its 500th—and there will be great festivities to mark the occasion; concerts and dances, parades and displays, and lights by the million to turn the city into a glittering playground by night.

Children will have time off from school, a hundred mayors from all over the world will be entertained, and special stamps will be issued.

Twice in its history has Tokyo, or Eastern Capital, been destroyed. First by fire in 1868, just after the emperor had proclaimed that it should be the chief town of Japan. Then in 1923 it was devastated by a great earthquake, which also destroyed the port of Yokohama.

Today, Tokyo has a population of about seven million, which makes it the third largest city in the world.

HOBBY LEADS TO CAREER

Ian Harvey, of Bristol, has reached the climax of a boyhood interest in aeroplanes by winning one of the R.A.F. Flying Cadetships at Cambridge University. Ian began building and flying model aircraft when he was eleven. At 15 he joined the Air Training Corps, became a cadet sergeant, and qualified for the A, B, and C gliding certificates. He also gained one of the R.A.F. Flying Scholarships, and when he was a little over 17 qualified for a private pilot's licence.

When he finishes his university training Ian will become a permanent officer in the R.A.F. Technical Branch.

HOMEWORK AT SCHOOL

Birmingham children who have trouble doing their homework while the television set is switched on can make use of special rooms set aside for them in schools this term.

These rooms are open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, mainly from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The offer is open only to children above the age of 14 years and seven months.

Matchstick model



Over 5000 matchsticks went into this model of Big Ben's tower made for a recent handicrafts exhibition in London.

MOVABLE CONTROL TOWER

An airport control tower that can be transported by helicopter or plane has been built in the United States.

The tower has full heating and air-conditioning equipment and is complete with radio, meteorological instruments, airfield lighting gear, and field telephones.

It will be invaluable for temporary airfields such as those used by mineral survey parties, and also in underdeveloped parts where grass airfields are likely to be put out of action by heavy rainfalls or flooded rivers. When this happens the tower can be quickly dismantled and flown to another airstrip.

BACK TO THE OLD VIC

The foundation stone of London's famous Old Vic theatre, damaged by a bomb during the Second World War, has been restored by members of the Vic-Wells Association.

This stone is of historic interest because it originally came from the 13th-century Palace of Savoy, once the home of John of Gaunt. It was laid as the foundation stone of the Old Vic—then the Coburg Theatre—on September 14, 1816. Now, 140 years later, it has been unveiled again.

QUICK-TURNING TUG

The first of four tugs designed specially for work in the narrow waterway of the Manchester Ship Canal has arrived from the shipyards of the little Devon town of Appledore.

The Sabre, as she is called, can turn in her own length, owing to the special design of the hull and with the aid of twin rudders, and a new type of propeller.

So that the captain can have a clear all-round view, uninterrupted by a funnel, the exhaust from her twin engines is led up through two of the tripod legs of the mast.

THE MESSAGE COMES HOME

A New Zealand schoolgirl named Jean Reynolds picked up a stoppered bottle which had been washed ashore on a beach a few miles from Waipu, near Auckland. In it was a note actually addressed to a lady in Waipu, and Jean duly delivered it.

It had been written by her soldier son who had dropped it overboard from a troopship 800 miles from the spot where it was found—and 13 years earlier, during the war.

The note is now treasured by his mother, for her son never returned.

MACE FOR NIGERIA

The knives of four chieftains are incorporated in a mace which has just been made in this country for the House of Assembly of the Western Region of Nigeria. The design includes the symbols of the three religions of Western Nigeria—the Cross of Christianity, the Crescent of Islam, and the chain representing original tribal religion.

REWARDS FOR DRESSING THE DOLLS

Many thousands of girls in the United States are busy putting the finishing touches to the dolls they are dressing as part of an interesting competition. The lucky girl who sends in the best-dressed doll wins a free 16-day trip to Europe as her reward.

But every single competitor, whether she wins a trip to Europe or not, will have the satisfaction of knowing that her doll is going to give pleasure to another girl in a far-off land.

For the chief aim of the competition, which is sponsored by the Save-the-Children Fund, is to collect dolls for distribution to children in countries overseas.

Last year over 50,000 dolls were entered and were sent to girls in other lands.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the famous President of the United States, will help to select the best-dressed doll.



Flower bird

A competitor puts the final touches to a cockerel made of dahlia petals for the National Dahlia Society's show held recently in London.

NEW CATHEDRAL FOR NEW ZEALAND

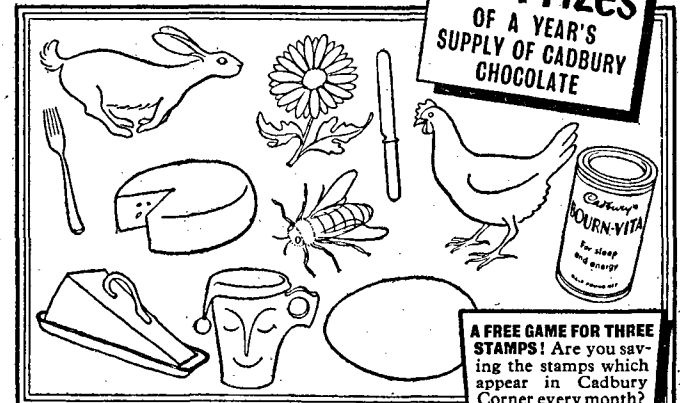
New Zealand is to have a new cathedral—at Napier on North Island—and it is hoped that the first part will be finished in about two years' time.



OCTOBER

Spot the Five Pairs— AND COMPLETE THE SIXTH ONE

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Can you spot which objects go with which in the picture? The knife, for example, obviously pairs up with the fork, and so on. Make a list on a piece of paper pairing up the other objects. By the way, you will find there is one object left over, so draw what you think its partner looks like on the same piece of paper. Add your name, age and address and send your entry in a sealed envelope (postage 2½d.) together with any Cadbury label, to "Pairs", Cadburys, Dept. 23, Bournville, Birmingham, to arrive not later than October 31st. Senders of what in the judges' opinion are the fifty best entries will each receive a prize of a whole year's supply of Cadbury Chocolate. This competition is open only to children under 16 living in Great Britain or Northern Ireland. A list of prize-winners may be had from Cadburys after November 7th.

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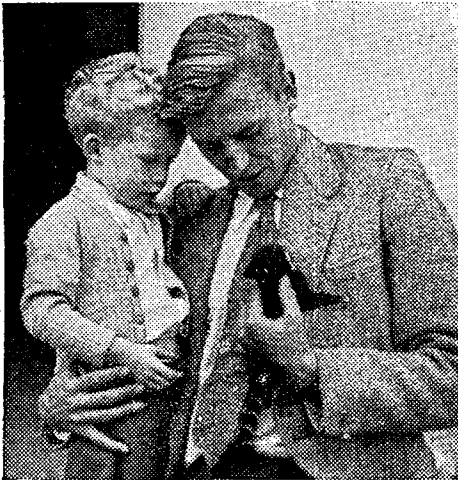
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RADIO AND TV

PORTRAIT OF A DRAGON

How would you like six weekly hunting trips to Borneo, Sumatra, Java, and Bali, capturing monkeys and snakes, and finishing up with film shots of the fabulous Komodo dragon? That is the treat David Attenborough offers in his new weekly Zoo Quest series, starting on BBC television on Friday.

If this excursion turns out as successful as the last I foresee a record number of viewers. Leonard Miall, Chief of TV Talks, told me the other day that Zoo Quest has an audience of about eight million, a figure surpassed only by the 1953 Cup Final and the Coronation.

On this latest quest, David Attenborough and film cameraman Charles Lagus travelled 3000 miles in four months and took 18,000 feet of film. Among their living trophies are a 12-week-old Malayan bear, monkeys, orang-utangs, snakes, and lizards. One of these lizards is a gecko, which makes odd noises. Viewers will also see close-ups of the Komodo dragon, which was the chief objective of the expedition. In Borneo the travellers lodged with head-hunters.



David Attenborough introduces his son Robert to a coatimundi

New adventure for H. L.

Two months ago I passed onto you Humphrey Lestocq's promise to appear in his own serial in BBC Children's TV. Potts in Parovia starts on Saturday, when we meet H. L. as an heroic but rather unlucky adventurer. An ex-R.A.F. Flight Lieutenant in real life, he has the same rôle in the story, getting involved during the Victory Parade with President Quiva of the State of Parovia. Quiva wants Potts's help against President Mendavo of the rival State of Sanderra.

Right from Episode One poor Potts is up against a secret society and is nearly nobbled by two so-called detectives beside the Thames in London.

Raymond Rollet plays President Quiva and Andreas Melachrinou his rival. Potts in Parovia has been written by Ingram d'Abbes and Desmond O'Donovan, who also produces.

Science careers

ARE you thinking about a career? If so, you will be interested in the new series which Jeanne Heal is to start on BBC Television next Monday evening at 7.30 called Look Ahead, specially for boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 18. I hear that the early programmes will deal mainly with jobs having a scientific angle.

Mysterious mission

CHARTER PILOT, by Gilbert Dalton, had a big following in BBC Children's Hour last winter. On Saturday Captain Mike Dudley makes his return, operating a new air line from an aerodrome in the Cotswolds. The first mission is a flight to the Middle East with two mysterious boxes—one containing a piano—which appear to interest two suspicious characters. Soon Captain Mike finds himself in a tricky situation. The Captain is played by Ronald Baddiley.



He can always get there

Wherever there is a chance of a good story, Jack Judges, a Toronto newsreel photographer, is always able to get there in his amphibious aeroplane.

Whack-O Headmaster

COMEDIAN JIMMY EDWARDS really is a Cambridge graduate, so it will come more or less naturally to him to play Professor James Edwards, M.A., Headmaster of Chiselbury School for the sons of gentlefolk. He has this rôle in Whack-O!, his first BBC Television series starting a run of six fortnightly episodes on Thursday. In Episode One the Professor introduces us to the Masters' Common Room.

Any resemblance to Take It From Here could be due to the fact that the script is by the same team, Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Mr Grove's nephew

LOOK out for a new boy among the Groves this Wednesday, when this popular family reappears on BBC Television. He is Sam Jephcott, playing 10-year-old Rodney, a nephew of Mr. Groves, who arrives from Australia to live with the family while his parents are away travelling on business.



Sam Jephcott

Producer John Warrington tells me he chose Sam at audition because he seemed to be "a real boy with a sense of fun." It did not spoil his chances, apparently, turning up with his arm in a sling after breaking his wrist.

Sam, who is 12, has freckles. "That is another point in his favour," says John Warrington.

Edward Evans and Ruth Dunning will be back, of course, as Mr. and Mrs. Grove. And with them will be Nancy Roberts as Gran, and the other members of the family.

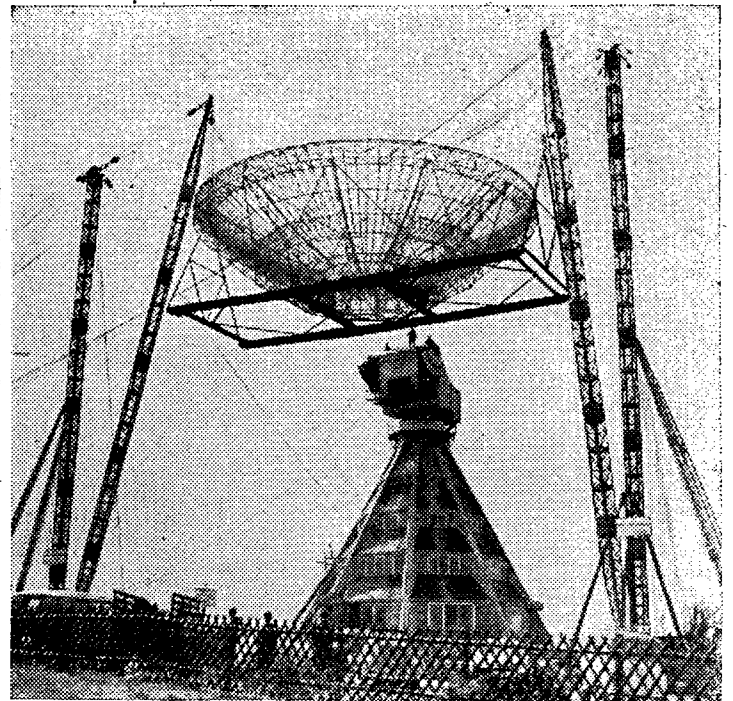
Across the Atlantic

UNLIKE the normal radio links, the new transatlantic telephone cable is not affected by changing atmospheric conditions and is ideal for broadcasts across the Atlantic.

The cable is, however, unsuitable for TV. "It could not take the necessary high frequencies," a BBC engineer tells me. "Picture quality would be very poor."

Even so, the new cable's success as a telephone link points the way to the installation of others which could carry TV. From Eurovision to Americavision!

ERNEST THOMSON



German radio telescope

The "mirror" of West Germany's first radio telescope was put in place recently at Müstereifel, in the hills 30 miles south of Cologne. The "mirror," over 25 yards across, is really an aerial used to pick up faint radio waves from stars.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

King for Isle of Man

OCTOBER 3, 1405. WESTMINSTER—His Majesty King Henry IV has given the Isle of Man to Sir John Stanley, who can now take the title of "King of Man."

The isle was the property of the Earl of Northumberland, one of the leaders of the recent revolt against the King, and is given to its new owner in thankfulness for his valuable help in suppressing that revolt.

The gift includes the castle, all the isles adjoining Man, and the

patronage of the Bishopric of Man, on payment to the King of two falcons.

Sir John Stanley has rendered notable military service to the King. He was largely responsible for subduing Ireland to the Crown.

(In 1407 the King made the island over to Sir John and his heirs in perpetuity. Sir John later became Earl of Derby and in 1765 a descendant sold his title "King of Man" to the Government for £70,000.)

Great airship crashes

OCTOBER 5, 1930. BEAUVAIS—The R101, Britain's £562,000 airship, crashed at Allonne, four miles south of Beauvais, last night on its maiden flight and lies now a tangled mass of twisted girders over the fields.

Only eight of its total complement of 54 crew and passengers have survived. Among the dead is Lord Thomson, Britain's Air Minister.

At 1.50 a.m. this morning the Air Ministry in London received the message from R101: "At the moment the passengers, after an excellent meal and after enjoying a number of cigars, are getting ready for bed."

Fifteen minutes later the folk of Beauvais were roused from their beds by the roar of the engines just over the rooftops of the town. The great airship was obviously in difficulties, lurching badly and her steering out of control.

She drifted out of sight south of the town. Then the sky was lit by a sheet of flame as the great ship struck a hillside.

Firemen from Allonne rushed to the scene, but their hoses could do nothing against the inferno of flames.

A Union Jack, untouched by the fire, is still flying on the stern this morning.

Baby Princess "married"

OCTOBER 6, 1518. GREENWICH—The two-year-old Princess Mary, daughter of King Henry VIII, was married here yesterday by proxy to the eight-month-old Dauphin of France, son of King Francis.

The Princess was dressed in a cloth of gold. Her cap of black velvet blazed with jewels. The "bridegroom" was represented by the French nobleman Admiral Bonnavet.

The whole hall was decorated with huge vases of silver and gold.

Under the Treaty of England returns to France the French town of Tournay, captured by King Henry in 1513 and the marriage ceremony proper is to take place when the Dauphin reaches the age of 14.

(The final marriage never did take place. Mary did not marry until she became Queen, and her bridegroom was Philip of Spain.)

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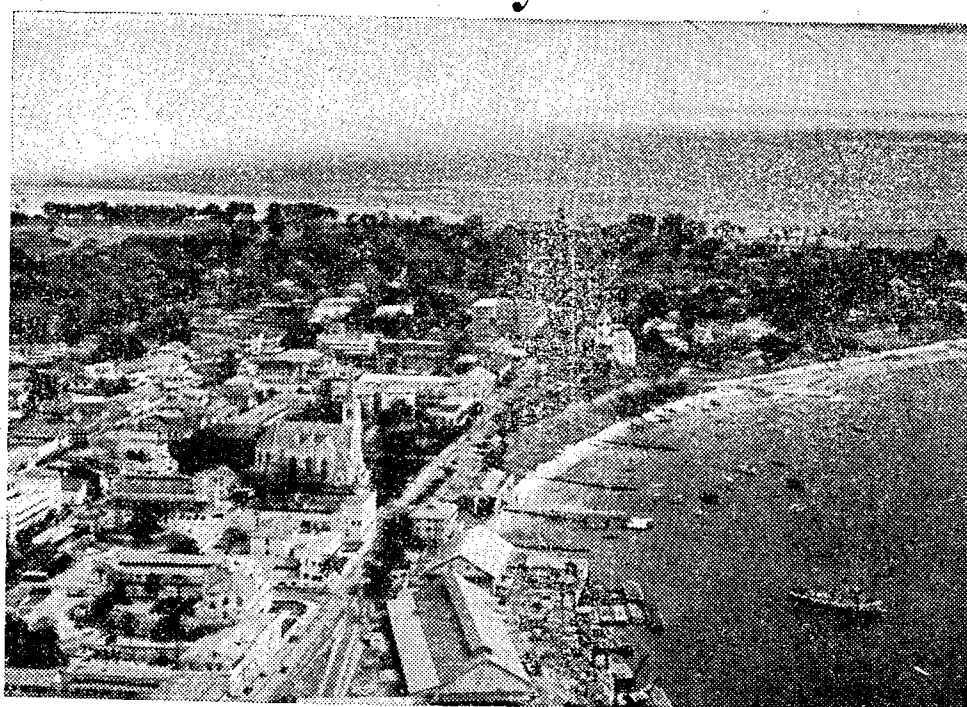
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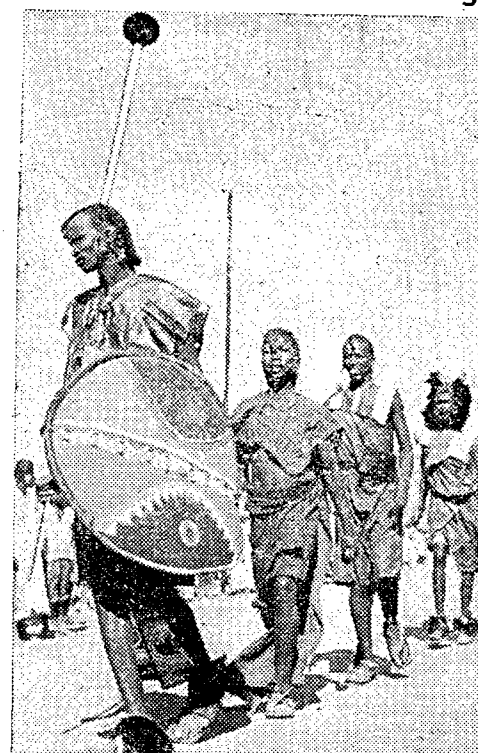
First steps in pottery



A Meru tribesman



Dar-es-Salaam, the capital, is a handsome town with a fine harbour and an airport



Masai tribesmen, seen here on parade, are renowned as warriors



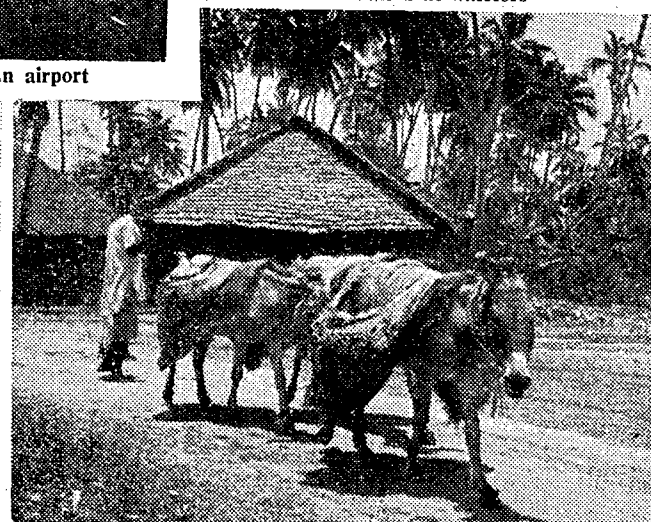
Government House at Tabora, headquarters of the Western Province and an important rail junction



Woman of the Warush tribe



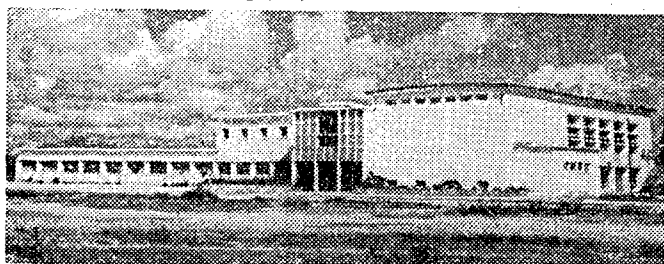
Head of the Council at Moshi



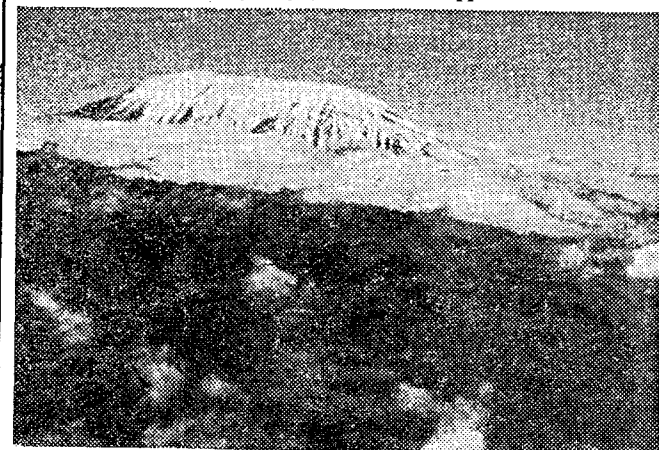
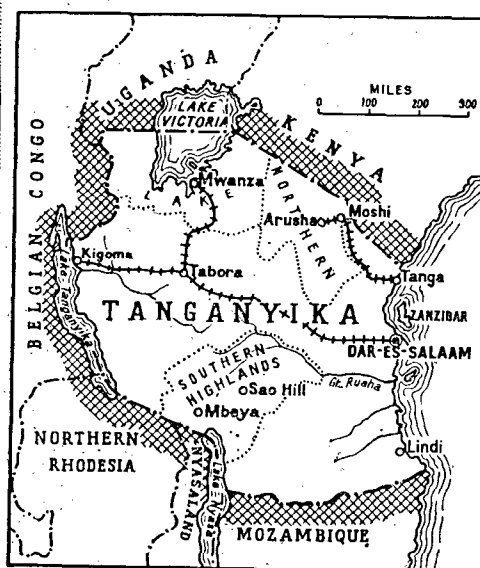
Street scene at Bagamoyo, on the coast opposite Zanzibar



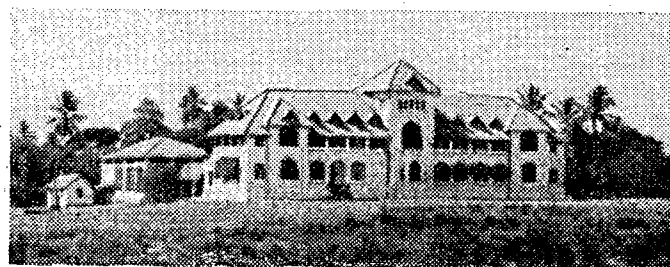
During her visit to Dar-es-Salaam Princess Margaret will stay in the new wing (left) of Government House



The fine new Community Centre at Dar-es-Salaam



Snow-capped Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain (19,340 feet)



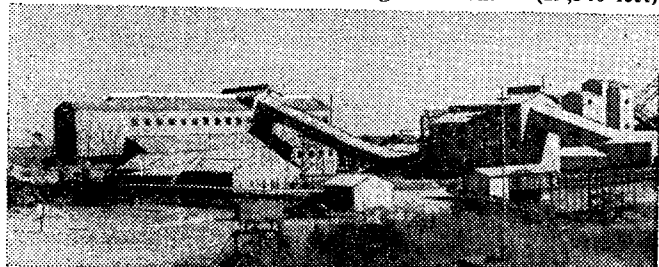
The modern hospital at Tanga, second port of the Territory



Masai warrior



Masai mother



The Williamson Diamond Mine at Mwadui in the Lake Province

CONTINUING her tour of East Africa, Princess Margaret is due to arrive at Dar-es-Salaam on October 8 for her ten days' stay in Tanganyika, a vast territory of 362,688 square miles with a population of about eight million. On October 12 she will visit Mbeya, headquarters of the Southern Highlands Province. Next day she will fly to Tabora, and while there will see the house where David Livingstone stayed after his meeting with Stanley. From there she will go to Mwanza, on Lake

Victoria, centre of the cotton industry and headquarters of the rich Lake Province. Then she will fly to Mwadui, and will see the Williamson Diamond Mine. After this she will go to Arusha, and there see many of the herds of elephants and buffaloes and various other wild animals in the neighbourhood. On October 18 she will drive to Moshi to open an agricultural show. Here, on the same day, she will bid farewell to the people of Tanganyika and leave by air for Nairobi in Kenya.

Children's Newspaper

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COLLECTORS ALL

As mothers and sisters know only too well, most boys develop a craze for collecting things of no apparent value. Their collections, hoarded in odd drawer and cupboard, include cherished bits of rusty wire, pebbles, toffee-papers, gadgets for purposes long forgotten, and even decayed specimens once intended for a display of British beetles.

This magpie habit of boys persists in the grown man too; a writer in The Times has told of auctioneers who are often asked to sell the strangest objects thus brought together.

To the ladies, who have to keep homes tidy, this can all be very trying at times. But we doubt if they would really have it otherwise. In this, as in other things, the boy is father to the man. It's just their way.

PAT ON THE BACK

MR. WILFRED REID, the American golfer, has been spending a holiday in this country—his first since 1921—and has been highly impressed by the younger generation.

"They're so different from when last I was here," he says. "They've stood up for my wife and myself, and generally been very polite. They're oozing with health—and we haven't seen one poorly dressed, and that's something I couldn't say back in the twenties."

In these days when we hear of so much criticism of young people, a pat on the back like this is most refreshing.



OUR HOMELAND

The Editor's Table

TYPICALLY ENGLISH SPEAKING

AN American tourist stopped a boy wearing the uniform of the King's School, Chester.

"Stand still," she commanded. "I must have a picture of a typical English schoolboy."

The boy did so, and the incident was related by his mother when she told the Chester branch of the English Speaking Union of her experiences in this country. For the boy was the son of Colonel W. N. Wildrick, commanding officer of the U.S.A.F. base at Sealand.

The Wildricks are leaving to return to their home in the United States, and Mrs. Wildrick's speech was at a farewell lunch given in their honour.

Think on These Things

THERE are some country churches where it is possible to look out of the windows and see the hills.

To the Psalmist they spoke of God, for he wrote: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

When we gaze at the hills they seem to speak of the solid permanent things of life. To the Psalmist they told of God's loving care which is always over all His children. The Psalmist spoke from his own experience. He knew that when he was in need, God gave him help. "My help," he says, "cometh from the Lord."

One of the things we need in life is a sense of security. Our home helps to provide us with this. But most of all we need the assurance of God's love and help. What a difference it makes to remember that we are always in God's hands, and that He knows and cares for us.

O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

Happiness consists not in possessing much, but in being content with what we possess. He who wants little always has enough.

Just our cup of tea

WE British are great tea-drinkers. Every man, woman, and child in this country consumes, on average, 9.6 lb. every year. But according to the Commonwealth Economic Committee, we have lost the world's tea-drinking championship to the Irish, whose yearly average is 9.8 lb.

The Irish brew has become as popular as Irish stew, and Mrs. Murphy must for ever be putting the kettle on.

Scooter tourists



Two young South Africans, Clare Gooch and her sister Patricia, have recently completed an 8000-mile camping tour across Europe on a scooter. They say that their trip has cost them less than £50 each.

Man alone

LADIES everywhere will be amused to hear that cookery books and hints for housewives will be included in the small library which Sir Edmund Hillary and his fellow New Zealand explorers will take to the Antarctic. And some of them will doubtless remark how strange it is that men have to brave the perils and rigours of the Far South before learning how to sew on a button, darn a sock, or cook a simple meal.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, October 9, 1926

TWENTY-SIX motor-cars were entered the other day for a race of 1000 miles run without a drop of petrol—and every one of them succeeded!

It looks as if the threatened failure of the supplies of petrol and paraffin need not mean very much.

Two of the cars which took part in this French race were ordinary taxicabs, and they used a mixture of paraffin, alcohol, and a spirit distilled from sawdust. Four of the cars ran on acetylene gas, which they actually made en route. Sixteen of the cars used gases generated from charcoal, and their success proved the point emphasised by French fuel experts that there is ample timber to provide motor-fuel even if all the oil-wells in the world ran dry.

THEY SAY ...

THE phenomenally wet season has suited moles, and this year they are bigger and stronger than ever.

Southampton mole-catcher

IT has been a vintage year for aspidistras—they love damp, gloomy conditions.

Assistant Director of Kew Gardens

WE must hope that the air speed record will be broken soon, because we can't wait for ever loitering around 1132 m.p.h.

Air Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle

I CAN drive pretty well, but even for me driving in towns is becoming more nerve-racking every day.

Juan Fangio, champion racing driver

I DON'T know if you have tried to sing opera in your bath, but if you have, you know how pleasant it is, and it is because you have made such attempts that you appreciate opera more on the stage. The greatest professionals need to have something of the amateur in them.

Sir William O. Hutchison

QUIZ CORNER

1. What is the Blue Peter?
2. Where is Holland on the map of England?
3. Who wrote 6500 hymns?
4. Which is the longest British snake?
5. What is the biggest trade union in this country?
6. Who is the oldest man mentioned in the Old Testament?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

PART of the stubble field has just been ploughed, and it looks darker than the rest. It is also more popular with the birds as we quickly see.

Most noticeable are the neatly feathered finches and lively starlings, and several curlews flew off just now. But soon we notice in the unploughed part of the field the little hedge-sparrow (which is not a sparrow at all), and the yellow bunting, usually called by its more popular name, the yellowhammer.

Both probably prefer seeds to anything else, and in this unploughed part they find less competition for them. Where the plough has already turned the soil over the birds are getting a more substantial feed of insects, grubs, and worms, thus ridding the land of many pests.

The hedge-sparrow's dun plumage is dull beside the yellowhammer's, but its subdued song is uncommonly musical, and may be heard as well in autumn as in spring.

C. D. D.

The Children's Newspaper, October 6, 1956

Next Week's Birthdays

October 7

June Allyson (1924). American film star. As a schoolgirl she had to wear a corrective brace because of an injury to her back. But she taught herself to swim so well that she won a championship in New York. She also taught herself dancing by watching films and rehearsing the routines afterwards.



October 8

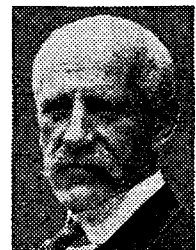
Sir Alfred Munnings, R.A. (1878). Famed for his paintings of horses, he has exhibited continuously at the Royal Academy since he was 20, and was one of its outstanding Presidents. Energetically upholds traditional painting.

October 9

Lord Hailsham (1907). First Lord of the Admiralty, and formerly well known as Quintin Hogg, Conservative M.P. for Oxford. When his father's death gave him his title and thus excluded him from the Commons he appealed to the Prime Minister for legislation to allow him to continue to sit. This proved impossible, but he was not excluded from office.

October 10

Fridtjof Nansen (1861-1930). Norwegian explorer. He led an expedition across the interior of Greenland, and explored the Arctic Ocean. Organised famine relief in Russia 1921-1923



and devised the Nansen Passport for stateless refugees. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

October 11

Sir Bernard Partridge (1861-1945). Famous staff cartoonist of Punch. As a young man he was a designer of stained glass but joined Punch in 1891. During the First World War his cartoons were a fine expression of the spirit of the nation.

October 12

Edward VI (1537-1553). Son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour, he came to the throne when he was only nine. He was very precocious in learning and strongly religious, but his life was too brief for his reign to leave much impression on our history.

October 13

Wilfred Pickles (1904). Broadcaster and television celebrity. His first broadcast in Children's Hour in 1927. His cheery "Have a Go" programmes have made him popular in homes all over the country.

CAPTAIN OF THE PILGRIMS

ALTHOUGH three centuries have passed since the death of Myles Standish (October 3, 1656) the memory of this tough little man remains evergreen in the United States. His sword is among the relics of the Mayflower men preserved in Pilgrim Hall at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and at Duxbury, not far off, there is a bronze statue of him standing aloft on a great shaft of granite. He is among the immortals.

Myles Standish belonged to a distinguished Lancashire family, and story has it that he was embittered early in life by plans that threatened to rob him of his inheritance. But his early history is shadowy, and the story, though not without substance, is unimportant. What we do know is that before he was 20 he had turned his back on his country and was serving as an officer with the English Army in the Netherlands, and that he fought against the Spaniards.

OFF TO THE NEW WORLD

At the end of the wars he joined the community of Puritans that had settled at Leyden, and agreed to act as their military adviser. So it was that on September 6, 1620, he was among the gallant company of Pilgrim Fathers who embarked in the Mayflower for a new home in the New World, where they would have freedom to worship in their own chosen way. There were 44 men, 19 women, and 39 children on that little ship.

The Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth, intending to settle in Virginia, but after a stormy crossing of the Atlantic they were forced to land on the shores of Massachusetts.

They landed there, at Cape Cod, on November 11, surely the most ill-equipped band of pioneers that ever embarked on a great adventure.

Selecting a site which they called New Plymouth, the colonisers set to work to build an encampment. But that first winter must have been a terrible ordeal. Surrounded by hostile Indians and lacking sufficient food or medical supplies, they suffered severely. Sickness set in, and many died, among them Standish's wife.

Without Myles Standish the little colony would surely have been wiped out. Unanimously

chosen as their military leader, their Captain, he combined the gentleness of a nurse with the courage of a warrior. Certainly he had the necessary tact for dealing with Indians. He took pains to learn native dialects, and was thus able to make friends with various tribes.

The Pilgrim colony not only survived, it began to flourish, and if one man more than any other was responsible, that man was Myles Standish.

In 1628 Standish was back in England demanding proper trading facilities for the New Plymouth colony. He had mixed success, but he and his fellow pioneers battled on with such zeal that other settlers became jealous and continually harassed them. There were several skirmishes, for instance, with French and Dutch settlers.

LITTLE CHIMNEY

Eventually, the New Plymouth colony was allowed to settle down in comparative peace, and in the evening of his life Myles Standish built himself a house which he named Duxbury, after his Lancashire home. There, on October the third three centuries ago, he died.

Military leader of the colony till the end of his days, Myles Standish occasionally served as assistant governor and, for a time, also as treasurer. They nicknamed him Little Chimney, because of his quick temper—though his flare-ups were of short duration. But he was respected by everyone, and rightly so, for without him the great adventure of the Pilgrim Fathers might have come to naught. He never failed them.

Little wonder that Longfellow and James Russell Lowell, too, paid tribute in verse to this great little man—Myles Standish, the Captain of Plymouth.



Rooftop grandstand

Four young spectators at a horse show see over the heads of the crowd from their car-roof grandstand.

Rare plants from African mountains

About 3000 plant specimens are on their way to this country from Nyasaland, which lies along the west and south shores of the great Lake Nyasa, 360 miles in length.

The plants are being brought back by the four-man Cambridge University Expedition to the Mlanje mountains, of which the tallest peak is nearly 10,000 feet high and lies in the extreme south-east of the territory on the borders of Portuguese East Africa.

Among the collection, the result of eight weeks' exploration, are some young Mlanje cedars. They were found between 7000 and 9000 feet above sea level. Most will go to the Cambridge University Botanical Gardens, but a few will be replanted in the open near Bournemouth, where it is hoped they will escape the frosts. For although they are high-altitude trees they come from the tropics.

About 40 live bulbs and orchids were also collected while other plants have been pickled in a solution of methylated spirit and glycerine.

HE DISTURBED A LEOPARD

The leader of the expedition, Mr. Tom Whitmore, a botanist, disturbed a leopard while collecting specimens. Fortunately, it was in a retiring mood, and slunk off into the bush. Apart from this, little wild life was seen except monkeys and rabbits.

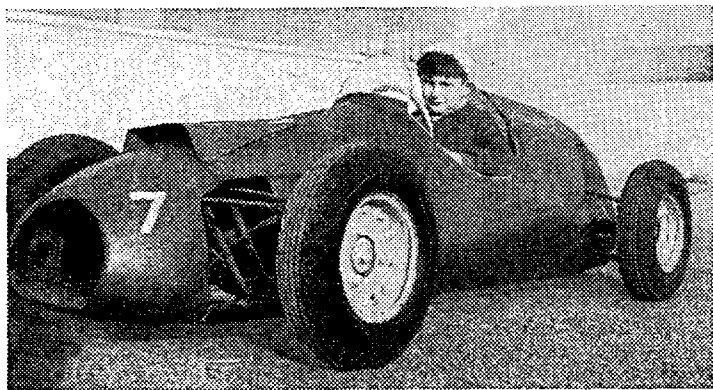
The main purpose of the expedition was to collect material which would help in making the first official catalogue of plants in the Rhodesian Federation, Portuguese East Africa, and Bechuanaland. It is thought that it will take between ten to 15 years to complete.

YANGTSE INCIDENT

The name of the frigate Amethyst rang round the world seven years ago when she ran the gauntlet of Chinese Communist guns on the Yangtse River. It was on the night of July 30, 1949, that H.M.S. Amethyst slipped her moorings and, navigating in the dark without a pilot, managed to reach the open sea despite heavy fire.

Now the epic story, under the title of Yangtse Incident, is being filmed and the Amethyst is moored at the mouth of the River Orwell, near Harwich, for location shooting.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (12)



Miniature racer

This scaled-down model of a Cooper-Bristol racing car was made for seven-year-old Colin Chase by a mechanic in his father's garage in Brighton. Powered by a small two-stroke engine, it has a top speed of five miles an hour.

ARAB SHEPHERD IN AUSTRALIA

Mohamed Gered has returned to the pastures on the edge of the Sahara after an absence of three years in Australia. He has been learning more about sheep-breeding and wool-growing.

There are half a million of the famous fat-tailed sheep feeding on the short grass between the seashore and the desert in Libya, and upon those precious animals that country is building hopes of a new woollen industry.

With the help of a grant from the United Nations, Mohamed made his way to Brisbane. There he studied in the State Veterinary College, and later went to a big Australian sheep-station of 80,000 acres.

WARM WELCOME

For his second year Mohamed went to the Queensland Agricultural High School, where the young Australian farmers made him very welcome and took him off to visit their homes on the lonely sheep stations of Queensland. There he learned that the modern shepherd needs also to be an engineer, a motor-mechanic, and an efficient tractor-driver.

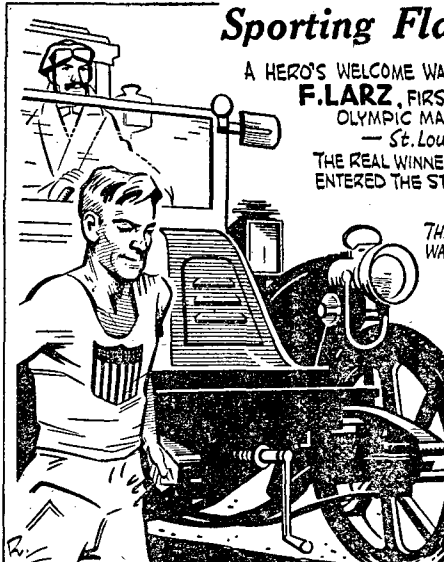
So successful was this Arab shepherd in Australia that it was agreed that he should stay a third year, under the tuition of the Director of Sheep Husbandry in Queensland, studying the breeding of sheep, how various types of wool grow and what can be done to improve them.

Back home after his long absence, Mohamed Gered now has a chance to apply all his new knowledge to helping his own country.

OUTSIZE IN LAMPS

The biggest electric light bulb ever made in this country has been produced for use in film studios. Developing 50,000 candle-power, this huge bulb is nearly four feet in circumference, and contains enough tungsten to make 20,000 ordinary household lamps.

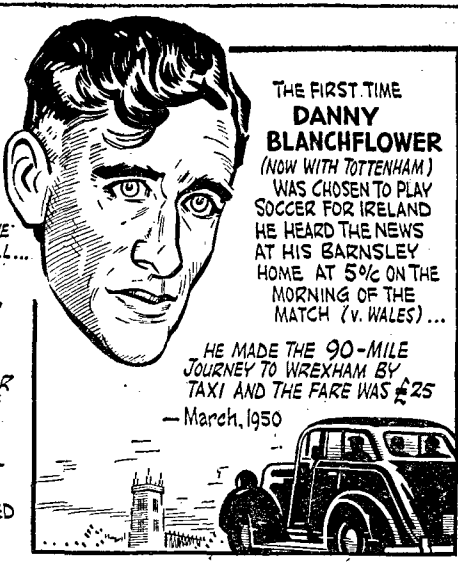
Sporting Flashbacks



A HERO'S WELCOME WAS GIVEN TO **F. LARZ**, FIRST HOME IN THE OLYMPIC MARATHON — St. Louis, U.S.A. 1904. THE REAL WINNER, J.T. HICKS, ENTERED THE STADIUM ALMOST UNNOTICED.

THEN LARZ ADMITTED HE WAS NOT THE WINNER AT ALL... HE HAD TRAVELLED 11 MILES BY CAR, WHICH SET HIM DOWN AHEAD OF THE PACK, TOLLING UNDER A BLISTERING SUN...

THE HOAX COST HIM DEAR. HE WAS SUSPENDED FOR LIFE.



THE FIRST TIME **DANNY BLANCHFLOWER** (NOW WITH TOTTENHAM) WAS CHOSEN TO PLAY SOCCER FOR IRELAND HE HEARD THE NEWS AT HIS BARNSELY HOME AT 5% ON THE MORNING OF THE MATCH (V. WALES)...

HE MADE THE 90-MILE JOURNEY TO WREXHAM BY TAXI AND THE FARE WAS £25 — March, 1950

FIGHTER ACE TELLS HIS THRILLING STORY

What did it feel like to make a tight turn in a Spitfire with an enemy fighter "on your tail"? "Johnnie" Johnson, top fighter ace of the last war, vividly tells us in his book: *Wing Leader* (Chatto & Windus, 15s.).

"You tighten the turn. The Spit protests and shudders, and when the blood drains from your eyes you 'grey-out.' But you keep turning, for life itself is the stake. And now your blood feels like molten lead and runs from head to legs. You black-out! And you ease the turn to recover in a grey unreal world of spinning horizons... your opponent has gone—disappeared. You are completely alone in your own bit of sky..."

EARLY FLYING DAYS

Group Captain J. E. Johnson, D.S.O. and 2 bars, D.F.C. and bar, recalls his early days in the Royal Air Force with great gusto. When he first entered a Spitfire he found the cockpit top narrow—he is a broad-shouldered man. "You'll soon get used to it," said the instructor. "Surprising how small you can get when one of those yellow-nosed brutes is on your tail. You'll keep your head

down then! And get a stiff neck from looking behind. Otherwise you won't last long!"

"And with this boost to my morale," writes Johnnie, "we pressed on with the lesson."

Of course he made beginner's mistakes, damaging a Spitfire on landing at an airfield where he had been sent to deliver maps.

"It was quite apparent you were going to prang," remarked an immaculate officer, eyeing him coldly. "You were too high, too slow, not enough power, a poor approach... Don't you know the country's short of Spitfires? What do you want here anyway?"

TOP SCORE

But Johnnie Johnson was soon at home in a Spitfire, and his first victory came in 1941, when he brought down a German plane. And there were 37 more to come, the top score of any Allied fighter ace in the war.

One of his strangest adventures was over France in 1944, while he followed a lone Focke-Wulf that was flying very low up a river valley. Something made Johnnie look ahead of the other plane, and he saw some high-tension cables stretched across the valley right in

his course. The enemy pilot flew under them—hoping the R.A.F. man, who was slightly above, would not see them and would hit them. In the nick of time the Englishman dived under the cables. And when the cunning German went into an easy turn to see what had happened, Johnnie cut across the arc of the turn and shot him down.

MORTAL PERIL

Group-Captain Johnson writes in an easy light-hearted manner that gives a reader the impression of being beside him—and in mortal peril—in the blue dome above the clouds. Also, without realising it, he reveals to us the character of a fine leader of men; brave, modest, humane.

His book is commended in a foreword by Group Captain Douglas Bader, the famous legless ace, who was already a legend to him before they met and flew together. "Dear Johnnie," Douglas Bader begins banteringly, "I did not know that you could read and write! In spite of what you say about me I think this is a splendid book..."

Thousands of air-minded young Britons will agree with him.

PAINTER OF THE WEATHER

A good opportunity for studying the art of the great John Constable, who was born at East Bergholt, in Suffolk, 150 years ago, is provided at the Bethnal Green Museum, London. On view there until the end of the year is an exhibition of sketches from the collection given to the South Kensington Museum by his daughter Isabel.

The pictures—small oil-sketches, water-colours, and drawings—show the development of this great landscape artist's work. Examined in detail, they show something of what was in his mind at the time. For instance, a view of Hampstead, looking towards London, bears a note, "3 o'clock, very stormy afternoon and high wind." Another has the comment, "12 to 2, looking east."

THE MILLER'S SON

Constable, though little appreciated here till after his death in 1837, was the finest of all painters of the English countryside as dominated, and often transformed, by the weather. That is why he notes the time of day, as affecting the light. He was a miller's son, in the days when the production of flour depended on the windmill, and noticing the weather was part of his trade.

After our experience of this last summer it is all the more interesting to realise that to Constable weather was neither good nor bad, but something living and always wonderful; not something above the scene, but an essential part of it.

GOING FOR A SONG?

Granny's Hielan' Hame, a cottage at Embo, a village in Sutherlandshire, is up for sale.

It was during a holiday at Embo that Thomas Macfarlane, an American composer, wrote the song which has become a top favourite with Scottish exiles all over the world. The cottage belonged to his mother-in-law.

ROBBERY UNDER ARMS, by Rolf Boldrewood—a tale of old Australia (5)



Starlight and Dick successfully scaled the prison wall, and found Jim and Warrigal waiting outside with horses. They reached the Hollow unpursued. There Jim gave Dick a letter which had been sent to their home by Kate Morrison, the girl to whom Dick had become engaged in Melbourne. She was highly indignant that he had turned out to be a robber, and threatened revenge.



Now that the brothers were wanted by the police, they felt the only thing for them was to become bushrangers. With Dad and Starlight they planned to hold up a mail coach. They waited at the top of a hill up which the coach was coming slowly, the passengers walking behind to save the horses. They stopped it at the top, startling the horses, and as the passengers arrived, Starlight politely asked them to hand over their cash and valuables.



Inside the coach were a girl and an elderly woman, who were strangers. The girl, her lips trembling, said that all she had in the world was the £5 her mother had given her to go to a situation in Bowring. Starlight slipped more money into her purse and handed it back. "Ladies," he said, bowing gallantly, "I wish you a pleasant journey."



Gold had been discovered at Turon, and Jim, Dick, and Starlight decided to go there in the hope of making fortunes by honest means. They felt sure no one would recognise them in the motley crowd of "diggers" swarming at Turon. Dad remained at the Hollow. The others staked claims and soon found gold. But Kate had also come—to run a hotel. One day, passing the diggings, she recognised her former fiancé.

Will Kate, resentful at the way Dick deceived her, give him away? See next week's instalment

THANKS TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

An inspector arrives from the Ministry of Education. Temple and Venables mistake his identity, while Jennings tells Mr. Wilkins that a police inspector is waiting to see him.

19. Confusion below stairs

FOR some minutes the inspector sat in the staff room thumbing through the pages of the Historical Review. Then there was a knock at the door and a stockily built boy in a grey flannel suit came into the room.

"Good afternoon, young man. And what is your name?" Mr. Macready inquired.

"Please, my name's Temple. Matron told me to find you and take you down to the basement."

"The basement?" Mr. Macready was puzzled. It was not the premises he had come to inspect. However! Doubtless the headmaster would explain.

With a light step he followed his guide along the corridor and down a flight of stairs.

"It's rather dark where the meters are," Temple informed him. "Have you got a torch?"

"A torch? No, I certainly haven't!"

"I should have thought you'd have brought one with you if you have to do a lot of poking about in dark cupboards and places," Temple observed as they reached the bottom of the stairs.

The light was certainly dim and Mr. Macready peered into the surrounding gloom. "I say, are you quite sure you're taking me the right way?" he demanded. "I cannot for the life of me understand why the headmaster should wish to receive me in the basement."

Outraged feelings

"Oh, the Head's not here!" Temple laughed at the absurdity of such an idea. "You'll only find the meters around these parts. Matron said I was to bring you down and then leave you to find your own way up again."

Mr. Macready's feelings were outraged. He was about to protest in the strongest possible terms when there was a pounding of feet on the staircase behind him and two more boys clattered down into the gloom.

"Excuse me— Just a minute, please. Are you the inspector?" the taller of the two asked anxiously.

"I certainly am," Mr. Macready replied curtly.

"Oh goodo! Well, I've brought you my diary so you can see for yourself how old I am. I know I look more, but that's because I'm tall for my age!"

"Eh? What! I don't understand."

A small pocket diary was thrust under the inspector's nose and he found himself straining to read

some badly scrawled jotting of personal memoranda.

"There you are, you see. Just above where it says 'Size in collars—13,'" Venables said earnestly. "And Atkinson will back me up, won't you, Atki?"

The other boy nodded in assent. "He's quite entitled to go for half price, really he is."

"What is all this?" Mr. Macready demanded in blank bewilderment. "What's going at half price? I don't want any size 13 collars at any price!"

"I'm just showing you my diary because of the argument I had with one of your chaps on the bus yesterday," Venables explained.

"I haven't got any chaps—or any buses!" the visitor protested angrily. He handed back the book and said in tones of strong disapproval: "Kindly stand out of my way. I haven't the faintest idea what you're talking about."

Further shock

It was Venables' turn to look surprised. "You haven't? But you—er—you are the bus inspector, aren't you?"

"Well, upon my soul!" Mr. Macready was rapidly losing the unruffled calm on which he prided himself so keenly.

"You've got it all wrong, Venables!" Temple broke in scathingly. "This gentleman isn't a bus inspector any more than I am."

Mr. Macready flashed a look of gratitude. "I'm glad somebody has a gleam of common sense," he observed.

"No, he's the gas man!" Temple announced triumphantly. "He's come to inspect the meters!"

Mr. Macready reeled with shock and leaned heavily against the wall for support. "This is preposterous!" he said. "Have you boys taken leave of your senses? I insist upon seeing the headmaster at once!"

So saying, he turned and marched up the stairs with Temple, Venables, and Atkinson trailing behind him. The boys, too, seemed almost as bemused as their guest. If this stranger was not the man they assumed him to be, then who on earth was he?

Mr Wilkins' turn

When the inspector reached the top he glanced across the hall and saw, to his relief, a grown-up figure approaching. "Is this the headmaster?" he inquired.

"No, that's Mr. Wilkins, our Form master," Temple informed him.

"H'm. It's about time one of the masters turned up," Mr. Macready observed.

There was a forced smile of welcome on Mr. Wilkins' face as he advanced with hand outstretched to greet his visitor.

"Ah, good afternoon, inspector. My name is Wilkins. You—ah—you wish to see me, I believe."

"I certainly do. And I should like to receive an explanation of..."

"Yes, yes, of course," Mr. Wilkins broke in hurriedly as Temple and Atkinson edged a little closer to hear what was going on. "Run away, you boys," he said impatiently. "I wish to speak to the inspector privately."

When the scuffle of juvenile footwear had died away Mr. Wilkins turned again to Mr. Macready.

"I really must apologise for the little misunderstanding," the master began. "But after all, it's the sort of thing that might happen to anyone, isn't it? I assure you I had no idea I was breaking any regulations."

Had everyone taken leave of their senses? Mr. Macready wondered. It had been bad enough in the basement with those boys gibbering at him, but this was even more of a shock! In a faint voice he queried: "What regulations, may I ask?"

Explanation

"The one that says you have to stop on the left-hand side on odd dates of the month and the other side on even dates. Of course, when you're facing the Town Hall it means you must keep to the near side when it's an even date and cross over to the off side when it's odd. Or is it the other way round?"

"What... What?" Mr. Macready was out of his depth.

"Well, what happened was that I thought yesterday was even, and of course it was odd," Mr. Wilkins gave a little nervous laugh. "Silly of me, but there it is."

"I don't follow. What was odd about yesterday?"

"The date. I can show you in my diary."

Mr. Macready raised a restraining hand. He had no wish to see any more diaries. In a daze of bewilderment he listened as Mr. Wilkins rambled on.

"I only left it for a few minutes, you know; and when I came back there was one of your chaps waiting for me."

Relief at last

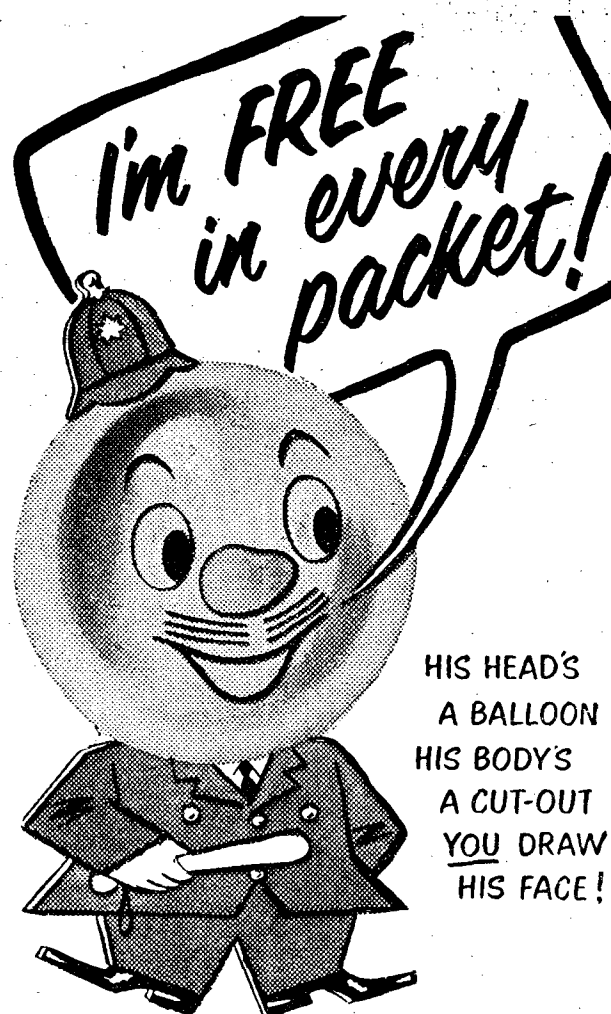
M. J. Macready, Esq., M.A. (Lond.), had reached the end of his tether. "This is fantastic! It doesn't make sense!" he cried. "Who are these chaps that everybody seems to think I have at my beck and call? Isn't there anyone in this establishment who possesses a glimmering of sanity?"

As though in answer to his plea, two more grown-up figures hove into sight. One of them the inspector recognised as the master whom he had met in the staff room. The other, an older man, hurried forward with the radiant smile and proffered handshake that had proved so misleading when Mr. Wilkins had adopted the same tactics.

"How do you do, Mr. Macready. I'm the headmaster," Mr. Pemberton-Oakes said pleasantly.

The visitor looked at him with deep suspicion and asked: "You're quite sure of that, I suppose? I

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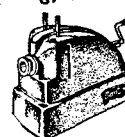
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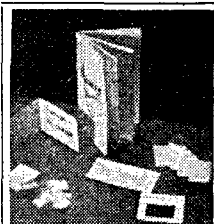
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OLYMPIC HOPES—4

JUNE PAUL

For June, Melbourne will be a second Olympic appearance. She was June Foulds at Helsinki four years ago and a member of the relay team which brought back a bronze medal. Then she married Olympic fencer Ramond Paul who is also to represent Britain again this year.



June was 15 and still at school when she won the Southern Counties 100 yards championship in the record time of 11 seconds. At 16, in the European Championships, she was "last leg" in Britain's relay team. Her most formidable opponent was the great Fanny Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) but June hit the tape first in a magnificent race.

Her fine record this year raises high hopes for Britain in the three events for which she is nominated—100 m., 200 m., and relay.

SPORTS SHORTS

THE M.C.C. cricketers leave Southampton on Thursday for their South African tour. During their five-and-a-half months away from home, the players will travel about 21,000 miles. More than 3000 miles will be covered by air, and another 5700 miles by train and motor coach, to fulfil their 22 fixtures. These include five Test matches and eight four-day games against provincial teams.

Best young swimmer

IAN BLACK, 14-year-old schoolboy, from Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, has proved to be the best British junior swimmer of 1956. In the national championships he reached the final of all four events he entered, winning the butterfly and the 220-yards free-style titles, in addition to breaking two British junior records.

JEAN HARROWER, New Barnet schoolgirl, is only 13, but she is one of England's brightest junior table tennis stars. Chosen recently for the junior international side, Jean is the youngest girl ever to win such an honour, for Ann Haydon was 14 when she received her first international badge. Jean Harrower had already gained another record as the youngest player ever to compete in a full county match (Middlesex v. Surrey, last winter). Like Ann Haydon, Jean is the daughter of a former English international, for her father, Geoff Harrower, was a very well-known player a few years ago.

Surrey's new captain

PETER MAY, who captained England in the Test matches this summer, is to captain Surrey next season, following the retirement of Stuart Surridge. Alec Bedser is to be vice-captain, the first professional ever to be appointed to this position by Surrey.

KEN NORRIS, who will represent Britain in the 10,000 metres at Melbourne, has collected nearly half his fare by his own efforts. At every meeting he has attended this year he has signed many autographs—but always there has been a box or a plate beside him for contributions to the Olympic Fund. In this way he has "sold" his signature for nearly £200.

AFTER nearly a year's work a referee's international chart has been published by the Football Association. It contains the answers to nearly all the questions that a referee is likely to have to answer. Printed in English, it will be sent to more than 80 countries and translated where necessary.

Fit footballers

WHEN the England Soccer team meet Ireland in Belfast this Saturday (Oct. 6) in the first of this season's internationals, they will have had the advantage of a three-day pre-match training at the Central Council of Physical Recreation Training Centre at Lilleshall, Shropshire. England's players developed the idea after visiting the sports school at Barsinghausen in Germany and asked for the same facilities to be arranged at Lilleshall.

LEN KILBY, trainer to the Hendon F.C., and a former player, has a busy time ahead. He is official masseur to the A.A.A., and as such he will be accompanying the British party to Melbourne for the Games. He is an occupational therapist at St. Bernard's Hospital, Southall.

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LOOKING AT THE SKY

SOLAR SYSTEM WITH FOUR SUNS

THE small constellation of the Lyre (dealt with in the C.N. of September 22) is worthy of further study, for it has other solar marvels to consider. Overhead in the evening, it is easily found with the aid of the bright star Vega; so, too, is Epsilon-in-Lyra. Though of only fourth magnitude this wonderful star will be readily spotted a little to the north-west of Vega.

Epsilon may be identified beyond doubt because it may be seen by sharp eyes, or with low-power glasses, to be composed of two stars.

A good astronomical telescope, however, will show that there are four suns, arranged in pairs. With still higher telescopic powers, six more stars may be glimpsed; some of these very faint stars may be only in the line-of-sight, not physically associated and actually far beyond the others.

The four bright stars of this wonderful solar system, however, are known to be physically connected, the proof being that each pair are travelling together. At

Above their station



Two hundred feet above busy Waterloo Station in London, Mr. Wilfred Green, of the Civil Engineers' department, inspects the frames of his beehive. Bees have been up there for three years.

present they are moving in a north-east direction.

One pair consists of stars of 4.6 and 6.3 magnitude, and the other pair of 4.9 and 5.2. Each pair of suns revolves round a common centre of gravity between the pairs. So slow is their movement it has been estimated that each pair may take from 500 to 1000 years to complete their orbits.

Periodic increases in their light indicate that colossal eruptive outbursts take place in the bigger of each pair of suns. These happen at intervals of only one hour and about 20 minutes in one pair of suns, and at intervals of about five hours in the other pair.

These details are obtained from a spectroscopic analysis of the light from each sun; this makes it possible to find out the cause of the variations and where they

occur. We may thus form some idea of the fiery fury and turmoil that is continually taking place on the surfaces of these great suns.

They would certainly make life impossible on Earth were they as near as our Sun, but they are at a vast distance from us, the smallness of their parallax indicating that they must be over 1000 light-years distant.

Delta-in-Lyra, whose position is also indicated a little below Vega on the star-map in the C.N. of September 22, is another remarkable solar system. This has a great central sun with a bluish-white surface three times as hot as our Sun and enveloped in radiant helium.

Delta has a much smaller planetary-type of sun revolving round it, at an average distance of about 25 million miles, in about 88 days.

APPROACH OF JUPITER

Jupiter is now in the early morning sky, where it may be seen low in the south-east some way below the much more brilliant Venus. At present Jupiter rises about 4 a.m.—about two hours before the Sun—so there is plenty of time to find this far-off planet before the dawn dims it.

As Jupiter will be rising about half-an-hour earlier each week, the planet will soon be seen higher in the sky and much nearer to Venus; it will be interesting to note their gradual approach during the next three weeks. G. F. M.

THANKS TO JENNINGS

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mean, you're not going to embark upon a muddle-headed rigmarole about my chaps, I hope?"

The smile faded from the headmaster's face. "I beg your pardon?" he said.

"I want to know what is going on," continued Mr. Macready heatedly. "This really is the most extraordinary school I've ever been to. First I'm taken down to the cellars to admire the gas meters; then I'm set upon by some uncouth youth in a size thirteen collar who wants me to read his diary because it's something to do with bus tickets!"

Mr. Pemberton-Oakes turned to his assistant and said: "This is most extraordinary. What has been happening, Wilkins?"

"It's no good talking to him! He's worse than all the boys put together," Mr. Macready interposed with some feeling. "He thinks it's odd he can't stop on even days of the month in case he's offside—or some such nonsense."

"Wilkins! What have you been saying?"

"Nothing, Headmaster," Mr. Wilkins defended himself. "I was just telling the police inspector why I parked my car on the wrong side of the road."

Gently Mr. Carter said: "But,

Stamp news

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THE six countries in the European Coal and Steel Community—France, Western Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Italy—have each issued a stamp with the same basic design. They show the letters of Europa in the form of a building under construction.

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NINE creatures of the Adriatic seas are pictured on a handsome new set of Yugoslav stamps.

THE centenary of responsible government in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania is marked by a new Australian issue.

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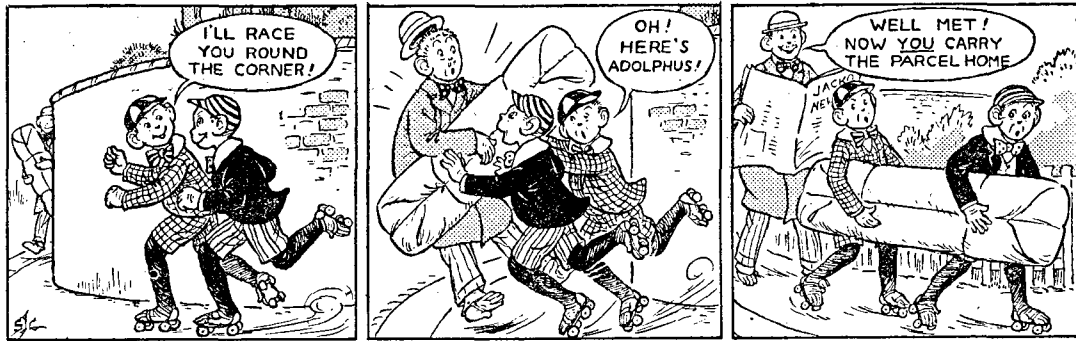
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JACKO AND CHIMP BUMP RIGHT INTO A JOB



SLIGHTLY CONFUSED

A GENTLEMAN was walking through the park one day when he saw a flower new to him. He asked the keeper what family it belonged to. The keeper looked at him a little suspiciously and said: "Don't you know that all the flowers here belong to the Borough Council?"

SPOT THE...

PYGMY SHREW, as he hunts feverishly for food. He has an enormous appetite. In fact, he spends most of his life, particularly at night, seeking insects.



Pygmy shrews resemble common shrews, being very much like tiny mice, with curved snouts—a sign of their relation to the mole. At one time these diminutive creatures were thought to be the young of the common shrew.

The pygmy, only 2½ inches long, is the smallest mammal in Britain.

NO FLOWERS

"I SUPPOSE Jones described his trip in his usual flowery language?"

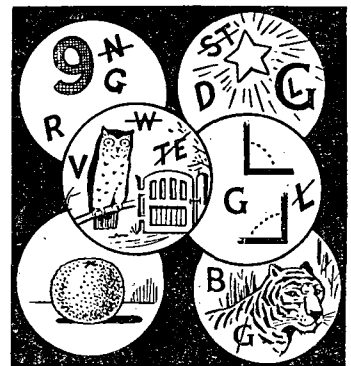
"He tried to, but I nipped it in the bud."

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CATCH QUESTION

WHAT is that which we often return, yet never borrow?

WHAT ARE THESE RIVERS?
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Answers to puzzles are given in column 5

PARTY GAME

THE players form two teams, each with a leader, who compiles a list of towns with the names of their countries. One leader calls to the first player in the other team the name of a town, and he or she has to respond with the country. Then the same thing is repeated for the other team. A point is recorded for each correct answer, and the team with the highest score when a halt is called is the winner.

EYE RHYMES

THE endings to these lines look as if they should rhyme beautifully, but read them aloud and you will find that they do not rhyme at all. They are what are called "eye rhymes" and not the "ear rhymes" that help to make verse pleasing to us.

YOUNG Jim began to drive a plough,

But thought the work was rather rough.

When winter came he had a cough.

Said Jim: "I'll stay in 'kitchen warm,

All cosy-like and free from harm, And help my mother make the dough!"

POINT OF VIEW

"MY teacher's got the worst memory in the world."

"You means he forgets everything?"

"No. He remembers everything."

Making friends



A happy picture from the Isle of Wight. C N reader Edwina Andrew with Koko the Chimp at Sandown Zoo.

BUNCH OF FLOWERS

Can you re-arrange their letters and identify them?

NAME ONE.
RUIN GAME.
THE SUN—MY CHARM.
LIT UP.
LOVE IT.
WORN PODS.

MISSING MIDDLE

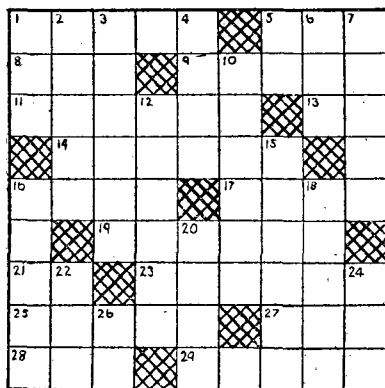
IF you insert the name of a well-known fish between these rows of letters you will have, reading down, six land creatures.

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Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Enclosed in box. 5 Eggs. 8 Small island. 9 Fast. 11 Demonstrated. 13 Printers' measure. 14 Puzzle. 16 Caesar was warned to "Beware the — of March." 17 Russian Czar. 19 Looks fixedly. 21 Exclamation. 23 Turns away. 25 Trunk of a statue. 27 Ocean. 28 Snake-like fish. 29 In what place?

READING DOWN. 1 Head-gear. 2 Ventilated. 3 Pebbles. 4 Sediment. 5 Out of print. 6 Strive for. 7 Administration. 10 Regard with approval. 12 Views. 15 Disinclined. 16 Angry. 18 Flower. 20 Confess. 22 Gardeners' tool. 24 Stamped addressed envelope. 26 Rugby League.



Answer next week

BEDTIME TALE

BUNTER COMES TO THE RESCUE

IT was a pity that the first time Gip the puppy met Bunter the goat in the paddock, Bunter had just been stung on the nose by a wasp. For, being upset, Bunter put down his head and butted, instead of answering Gip's how-do-you-do bark politely.

Now, Gip's master wanted him to play in the paddock each day; so he had put wire netting on the gate to keep him in, and also to stop Bunter opening the gate, as goats will. But Gip was so scared now, that he wriggled through a little hole in the hedge bordering the high road, and went down to the village.

There, unfortunately, he made friends with a naughty dog who took him pheasant-chasing in the wood.

This went on for several days, though, by now, Bunter had asked Gip to be friends. But Gip was still too scared. And because he always came back in time for his food, the farmer knew nothing about it.

Then, one morning when Gip

was out, the farmer's boy spotted the hole in the hedge, and mended it.

Soon afterwards, Gip came racing back down the road pursued by the keeper's dog, who had caught him chasing pheasants. And Gip was thinking: "Anyway, he is too big to follow me through the hole in the paddock hedge!"

Alas for Gip! Directly he saw the hole was mended he ran on towards the gate, hoping to jump it.

But there stood Bunter, rubbing his horns on the gate post!

Gip yelped in despair. Then, just at that moment, Bunter managed to undo the gate, and Gip slipped safely inside.

The keeper's dog tried to follow. But Bunter allowed no strangers in his paddock, and butted him till he ran off.

Today Gip and Bunter are great friends, and Gip stays in the paddock.

JANE THORNICROFT

ANSWERS TO QUIZ CORNER

1. The blue flag with a white square in the centre, hoisted when a ship is about to sail.
2. The south-eastern part of Lincolnshire, inland from the Wash.
3. Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley.
4. The Grass snake.
5. Transport and General Workers' Union.
6. Methuselah who lived to be 969 (Genesis 5. 27).

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Higgledy-piggledy poets. Robert Browning, Alfred Tennyson, Percy Bysshe Shelley, John Milton, William Shakespeare
Catch Question. Thanks
What are these rivers? Niger—Africa, Darling—Australia, Volga—Russia, Ganges—India, Orange—Africa, Tiber—Italy
Spot this animal. Deer
Find them. Tiger, emu, rat, rook
Bunch of flowers. Anemone, geranium, chrysanthemum, tulip, violet, snowdrop
Missing middle. Salmon—ass, cat, elk, emu, cow, ant

The OVALTINEYS' own Quiz Corner

Do you know?

Which King ...

1. Once owed his safety to an oak-tree?
2. Is said to have offered his kingdom for a horse?
3. Pretended to hold back the waves?
4. Was found in Prison by a minstrel?

Turn this upside down to find the correct answers.

1. Charles II hid in an oak-tree when escaping after the Battle of Worcester in 1651.
2. Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.
3. Canute as a lesson to his flatterers.
4. Richard I, imprisoned on his way back from the Crusades, was found by Blondel.

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